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1. USG BELIEVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED BY
ARGUING AT THIS TIME OVER CIVIL AIR POLICY DIFFERENCES
WITH GOA. RESPONSE ON OUR PART, TO GOA APPARENT
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GET US TO ACCEPT ITS DRAFT STATE-
MENT OF BASIC CRITERIA TO GOVERN AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS,
WILL LEAD ONLY TO MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS AND EXACERBATE
PROFOUND POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US. WE PREFER NOT TO
ENGAGE IN SUCH AN EFFORT BUT RATHER TO NOTE SIMPLY
THAT THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT SINCE DECEMBER 1972
OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE IS GOA'S FAILURE TO TAKE ACTIONS
CONTEMPLATED IN MOU. WE FURTHER BELIEVE NEGOTIATIONS
WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES REPRESENT
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2. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND ANSWERING NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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NEVERTHELESS I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE GOA THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AS INDICATED IN EMBASSY'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 12, 1973, STANDS READY TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS OR A PRIORI AGENDA ON EITHER SIDE, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A SATISFACTORY AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REGRETS IT WAS NOT CONVENIENT FOR THE GOA TO MEET WITH IT DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 19 AND DECEMBER 3, 1973. ACCORDINGLY IT AWAITS THE SUGGESTION OF THE GOA OF A DATE THAT MIGHT PROVE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

3. SHOULD TETTAMANTI REMARK ON U.S. FAILURE TO MAKE ANY FORMAL OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON GOA DRAFT STATEMENT OF BASIC CRITERIA YOU MAY LIMIT YOUR REPLY TO A STATEMENT THAT WE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT THINK ANY USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY DOING SO PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS AND THAT OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON AVIATION POLICY ARE WELL KNOWN. WITH REGARD TO TIMING YOU MAY INDICATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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